

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243**

Thursday, October 9, 2008

Call to Order at 3:12 PM by Chairman Jack Sammons, via teleconference.

In attendance were Commissioners Neal Frauwirth, M.D., Stuart Howard, Teri Mast, Joe Smith, Scott White, and Jack Sammons.

Commissioners Chuck Clark, Steve Hannah, and Kurt Spindler, M.D. did not attend the teleconference.

Assistant Commissioner Steve Majchrzak opened up the meeting by addressing the reason for holding the meeting by teleconference. He stated an event is scheduled to take place November 15, 2008 at Vanderbilt and without approved forms, the Commission is unable to accept applicants. Commissioner Mast made a motion to determine that a quorum of the commission could not be physically present in Nashville prior to the November 15 date, and that it was necessary for the commission to take action on approval of the forms before then. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of event permitting and licensing forms the commission was presented with drafts of the following forms:

Application for Ring Official
Application for Combatant
Application for Event Permit
Application for Participant
Application for Promoter
Contest Sheet

As to the application for ring official, the commission requested that it specify that each discipline (MMA, boxing, or kickboxing) be specified on a separate form if the applicant is applying for more than one discipline.

As to the application for Participant form, the commission requested that it specify that each discipline (MMA, boxing, kickboxing) be specified on a separate form if the applicant is applying for more than one discipline.

As to the application for Promoter, Commissioner White made a motion a promoter must be licensed separately as to each discipline, mixed martial arts, boxing, or kickboxing.

Commissioner Mast seconded the motion. Chairman Sammons, Commissioners Howard, Mast, and White voted in favor; Commissioners Frauwirth and Smith, opposed. Motion passed, 4/2.

The commission requests that the application specify that each discipline (MMA, boxing, kickboxing) be specified on a separate form if the applicant is applying for more than one discipline.

As to the application for Combatant form, the commission requested that it specify that each discipline (MMA, boxing, kickboxing) be specified on a separate form if the applicant is applying for more than one discipline.

The Commission requested to add the website www.mixedmartialarts.com to the forms.

The commission requested that an instruction sheet be added to explain the provisions for each form.

General discussion of medical related forms. The following draft medical forms were provided to the commission:

Dilated eye exam form
Neurological exam form
Physical exam form

Commissioner Frauwirth requested, and the commission agreed, that the medical release be kept as a part of each form rather than making it a separate form.

Commissioner Smith moved that the forms amended as noted above be accepted by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frauwirth. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to secure Event Regulatory Staff Commissioner Howard made a motion for ABC to regulate the November 15th event with Department of Commerce and Insurance staff from the previous boxing program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mast. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Position Commissioner Mast made a motion to allow staff to advertise the executive director position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 4:50 p.m.